

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, April 22, 2004

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Willie E. Hampton
Arthur Blackwell, II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Megan Norris

Department Personnel Present

AC Walter Shoulders
Deputy Chief Cara Best
2nd DC Debra Robinson
Insp. Jamie Fields
Insp. Walter Martin
Insp. Gail Barnes
Insp. Janice Butler
Sgt. Tony Saunders
Sgt. Debbie Jackson
Atty. Nancy Ninowski

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Exec. Director **(ABS)**
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator.
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Phillip Craccioholio
Gloria Canales

Sandra Hines
Thomas Zulch, DPOA
Richard Bogdon
Mary Lacy
Rick Jones
Rev. David Murray
Cheryl Clark
Ms. Walters
Elaine Isom

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Felicia Hardaway
Kellie Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hampton called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:20 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

♦ Thursday, April 15, 2004

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

April 19, 2004

Board of Police Commissioners
City of Detroit
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328
Detroit, Michigan 48226

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dear Board Members:

As Chief of Police, it is my responsibility to ensure the highest level of service delivery to the citizens of the city of Detroit at all aspects of operations. Having good leaders among the managerial and executive ranks in the department, who possess the talent to carry out their responsibilities as leaders and managers, is key to ensuring that this role is successful.

Whenever a vacancy occurs or it is determined that a higher level of oversight is required within a Department entity, it is imperative that the position is filled with a member who has demonstrated the skills required for the assignment. This department must continue to move forward to ensure that our vision, "*Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships*," is maintained and remains at the helm of our purpose and responsibility to our citizens.

The below listed members have demonstrated a stern commitment to the citizens and the Detroit Police Department. It is respectfully requested that the recommendations are considered at the April 22, 2004 meeting of the Board for an effective date of April 26, 2004.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF COMMANDER

INSPECTOR WALTER J. MARTIN

Inspector Walter J. Martin was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 23, 1978. After graduating from the Detroit Police Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the East Side Mini-Station Administration Unit. Then, Patrolman Martin was assigned to walk a beat in high crime areas located in the Fifth and Ninth Precincts.

In October of 1979, Police Officer Martin was laid off from the Detroit Police Department. During this period from 1980 – 1982, Officer Martin was hired by the Detroit Board of Education as a regular *Emergency Substitute Teacher*, and assigned to the Nolan Middle School.

In April of 1982, Officer Martin was hired by the Toledo Police Department. After completing an 18-week police academy, as required by the State of Ohio, Officer Martin was assigned to the Patrol Division. In 1983, Officer Martin was assigned to the Vice/Drug Unit of the Toledo Police Department, as a “*Detective*.” Detective Martin worked as an undercover officer making narcotic purchases, entering after hour establishments, and decoy operations. Detective Martin was instrumental in padlocking several after hours establishments and drug locations in the city of Toledo.

In May 1985, Officer Martin was recalled to the Detroit Police Department and assigned to the Tactical Services Section. In November of 1985, Officer Martin was transferred to the Internal Affairs Section, Intelligence Unit. During his assignment in the Intelligence Unit, he was assigned as an undercover operative where he made several entries into narcotic locations frequented by police officers, which subsequently led to successful prosecution of several officers.

On August 18, 1988, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Martin remained at the Internal Affairs Section where he was often assigned as the lead investigator on high profile investigations regarding police corruption.

As a sergeant, he has worked at the Reserves Unit and the Public Information Section. Due to his investigative experience, he was returned to the Internal Affairs Section as the Officer in Charge of the Public Corruption Unit. As expressed by Inspector Martin, the proudest of his assignments has been working closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Assistant Prosecutor. The Public Corruption Unit was instrumental in recovering over a half million dollars which was subsequently returned to the city of Detroit.

In August 2002, Sergeant Martin was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. As a lieutenant, he served as the Administrative Lieutenant at the Thirteenth, First, and Third Precincts. On several occasions, Lieutenant Martin, in the absence of the Commander and Inspector, served as the officer in charge and worked as the Task Force Commander at several major events.

Prior to his appointment to Inspector in March of 2003, he was selected by former Chief of Police Jerry A. Oliver, Sr., to serve full time as the “*Project Manager for the New Police Headquarters*.” Inspector Martin worked closely with potential developers, architects, and the Mayor’s Office in developing programs that outlined space requirements for the entire department, technology needs, and budget requirements for the project. The Inspector also attended the training

course sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Building and Constructing New Police Facilities, held in Centerville, Ohio, in July 2003.

Inspector Martin is currently the *“Executive Staff Officer”* for the Office of the Chief of Police. The Inspector not only manages major projects for the Chief of Police, he is the City-Council Liaison, Core Team Representative for the 2004 Promotional Examination, Human Resource Committee-Major Cities Chiefs, and liaison for the Detroit Police Foundation. Prior to his present assignment, Inspector Martin was the Commanding Officer of the Notification and Crime Reporting Section. Under his leadership, the section was reorganized and it significantly reduced overtime for telecommunications operators, and streamlined operations at the Communications Systems Unit. The Inspector also reduced the Department’s telecommunication monthly bill by approximately \$5,000.00.

Inspector Martin received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, from Oakland University in 1977. He is a 1990 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Inspector Martin has demonstrated that he is community-involved and oriented, as he has served in leadership roles outside the department in the following capacities: former Athletic Director St. Jude Catholic School; former Boys Junior Varsity Head Coach, Renaissance High School; former Girls Varsity Head Basketball Coach, Commerce High School; member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Nu Omega Chapter, Detroit Michigan; and currently an appointed (3-year term) board member of the State Supreme Court, Administrative Wayne County Foster Care Review Board #1.

Inspector Martin has clearly demonstrated his commitment to the citizens of this great city and that he is capable of successfully functioning in a higher capacity. To that end, I am requesting your permission to appoint Inspector Walter J. Martin to the rank of Commander.

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment to the rank of Commander.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF INSPECTOR

LIEUTENANT TONY R. SAUNDERS

Lieutenant Tony R. Sanders was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July 5, 1977. After completion of the Detroit Police Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Seventh Precinct—Patrol. Because of his keen skills demonstrated in the investigation of street crimes and covert operations, he was assigned to work the Seventh Precinct Special Operations 80 and 30 Series Unit. He was later designated by the Commanding Officer of the Seventh Precinct to direct and manage functions of the precinct Cruiser Units.

Officer Saunders was laid-off in 1980, and worked for the Central Michigan University Department of Public Safety as an undercover narcotics officer with the Isabella County Sheriff's Department. He worked conspiracy to develop cases against major drug suppliers. Between 1982 and 1985, while still laid off, Officer Saunders worked for the Ann Arbor Police Department as a police officer. During his tenure, he received certification as a radar specialist, a dispatcher, and received two Professional Excellence Awards for performance above and beyond the call of duty.

In 1985, Officer Saunders was recalled from lay-off to the Detroit Police Department. He was assigned to the Major Crimes Mobile Unit (MCMU) where he investigated the location and apprehension of dangerous felons committing crimes within the city. He worked all investigative sections gaining extensive operational experience in homicide, armed robbery and sex crimes.

On August 18, 1988, Officer Saunders was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. As a sergeant, he was assigned to the Special Crimes Section as a Gang Squad Supervisor. He was responsible for coordinating daily activities relating to youth crime and school related offenses. In 1990, Sergeant Saunders was assigned as the Administrative Sergeant of the Special Crimes Section/ Investigative Operations Division. As the Administrative Sergeant, he supervised six (6) investigators, managed the investigation of all non-fatal shootings of individuals 20 years of age and under and all other school-related offenses, directed and approved all investigations relating to youth crime committed by suspected gang members, and managed the preparation and approval of all investigative reports submitted for warrant recommendation to the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

In 1991, Sergeant Saunders was transferred back to MCMU where he worked on several task forces in conjunction with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department including, but not limited to, the following: the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm (ATF); Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Michigan

Department of Corrections; and United States Marshal's Service Fugitive Investigative Strike Team (F.I.S.T.).

In 1998, Sergeant Sanders was assigned to the Court Section's Court Liaison Unit where he supervised and managed all operational aspects for over 50 officers in the civil, criminal and felony arraignment divisions for the court system.

On November 9, 2001, Sergeant Sanders was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. As a lieutenant he was assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Court Section, a position previously assigned to one holding the rank of Inspector. In addition to the supervision and management of over 60 Court Unit members, he served as the project manager for the establishment of Video Arraignments at the Wayne County Jail. He also facilitated DNA processing at the 36th District Court for the Detroit Police Department.

Lieutenant Saunders is currently assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Executive Protection Unit and is ultimately responsible for providing and coordinating the security and protection of the Mayor of the City of Detroit.

Lieutenant Saunders is extensively trained in Street Survival, Legal Updates, Cultural Diversity, Stress Management, Executive Protection, Anti-Terrorism, and Community Policing. Lieutenant Saunders earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management from Cornerstone University. He is a 2001 graduate of the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command, where he graduated magna cum laude.

Lieutenant Saunders has demonstrated his commitment to the citizens of Detroit and exemplified the highest degree of integrity and professionalism. He has proven his ability to perform in a higher position. I am asking your permission to appoint Lieutenant Tony R. Saunders to the rank of Inspector.

Should you have any questions or concerns, I am available at your convenience.

/S/ELLA M. BULLY-CUMMINGS
Chief of Police

EMB-C:jyb

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment to the rank of Inspector.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

AC Shoulders asked Debra Robinson, Walter Martin and Tony Saunders to stand and introduce themselves.

Walter Martin thanked the Board and the Chief for considering him for this promotion.

Debra Robinson thanked the Board and stated she is happy to be back with the City of Detroit.

Tony Saunders thanked the Board, AC Shoulders, Chief Bully-Cummings and Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Atty. Hooks congratulated the promotees.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – ATTY. HOOKS

GENERAL ORDERS

The following general orders will be presented for discussion at the Board of Police Commissioners community meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2004:

- Directive 201.4 - Canine (K-9) Operations
- Directive 304.1 - Firearms
- Directive 304.3 - Chemical Spray Device
- Directive 305.6 - Detainee Bonding

Comm. Norris stated I know we received these early, but is there a reason why we are not having those presented until then?

Atty. Hooks stated we thought it would be good for the community meeting, but we could certainly move that up.

Comm. Norris stated there are suggestions that policies are getting held up by this Board and I vehemently disagree with that. I think that once we have a policy we should get it presented as quickly as possible so that we could allow the appropriate time for public comment after it has been presented. I would not want to hold up all of these for a month or until the next community meeting. I think it is important that we get them out to the community that they are being presented so that they could come here if they want to see the presentation. I believe that the consent decree quarter will be ending May 31. It will be very important to the department to have those policies presented

and passed, if we think that is the appropriate thing to do prior to that date. If we could do those as quickly as possible...I rather have time for community comment then time to just wait to present. If we could move up the presentation, so that we would have ample time to review.

Atty. Hooks asked is there a particular date you would like?

Comm. Norris stated if the Agenda works and if Insp. Fields could do it next Thursday, then I think we could do it then. We will always want one week for us to review them before that happens. But we got these this week, so if next Thursday works....

Atty. Hooks asked Insp. Fields is that fine with you?

Insp. Fields stated yes.

Atty. Hooks stated that will be April 29, 2004.

Comm. Norris stated there may be situations where because of the Agenda, where that just wouldn't work, but to the extent that we can, I would like to try to do that.

Atty. Hooks stated so noted.

Comm. Ramirez stated the written directives that were just announced, for the record, they were sent to the Chief on April 1, 2004 and we just received them on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2004

This Week

Year to Date

Weekly Count of Complaints:

27

440

2003

During the past week:

20

Year to Date:

353

****Due to the database system being down, the actual breakdown of figures are not available.****

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS



BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and business. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

On April 14, 2004, the Narcotics Enforcement and Gang Enforcement Sections conducted two (2) enforcement actions within the boundaries of the Eleventh Precinct, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 7 Felony arrests
- ◆ 7 Misdemeanor arrests
- ◆ 41.2 Grams of cocaine – street value \$16,480.00
- ◆ \$873.00 U.S. currency
- ◆ 1 Handgun

Additionally, on April 19, and 20, 2004, the Narcotics Enforcement Section conducted support actions for the Criminal Investigation Bureau within the boundaries of the Second and Tenth Precincts. There were a total of 33 enforcement actions, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 15 Felony arrests
- ◆ 43 Misdemeanor arrests
- ◆ 33.6 Grams of cocaine, 5.4 grams of heroin and 504.9 grams of marijuana – street value \$25,370.00
- ◆ \$7,768.00 U.S. currency
- ◆ 3 Handguns
- ◆ 2 Vehicles

◆ 38 Miscellaneous Ordinances issued

On April 15, and 17, 2004, the Vice Section conducted three enforcement actions within the boundaries of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Precincts, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 7 Arrests & 1 Juvenile Detained for Disorderly Conduct–Disturbing the Peace
- ◆ 1 Arrest for Engage in a Place of Illegal Occupation
- ◆ 1 Arrest for Traffic Warrants
- ◆ 1 Arrest for No Operator's Permit
- ◆ 2 Long guns confiscated
- ◆ 2 Vehicles confiscated
- ◆ 3 Miscellaneous Ordinances issued
- ◆ 22 Traffic Violation Notices issued

SIXTH PRECINCT

On April 15, 2004, two (2) unknown subjects wearing ski masks and bandanas robbed an elderly couple in their home. The subjects, armed with a handgun and hockey stick, entered the home through a closed but unlocked side door, and demanded money from the elderly couple, robbed them and made good their escape. Due to the investigative efforts of the officers of the Sixth Precinct and the involvement of the community, one (1) juvenile was detained and one (1) adult was arrested. Recovered were a black ski mask, a red bandana, a black wallet, \$170.00 and a set of keys belonging to the elderly couple's home.

SEVENTH PRECINCT

On April 18, 2004, officers of the Seventh Precinct received a police run on "Persons out front that burned the vehicle are back, armed with guns." Due to the officer's quick response to the location, they heard multiple gunshots being fired and observed a subject armed with a handgun pointing in the direction of citizens. The officers ordered the subject to drop his weapon and he was arrested without further incident. It was then discovered that one of the subject's bullets had penetrated a house, striking a woman. Three subjects (2 males & 1 female) were arrested and charged with "Assault With Intent To Murder."

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

MOBILE SUPPORT SECTION

During the week of April 14-20, 2004, officers assigned to the Traffic Administration Unit, trained crossing guards for their new positions. This training is a result of an ongoing recruitment effort being made in areas around public schools and through Channel 22, Public Service Announcements. For additional information regarding crossing guard positions, contact the Traffic Safety Unit, at 596-1457.

MOUNTED UNIT

On April 17, 2004, officers of the Mounted Unit, located at 100 East Bethune, conducted a barn tour for one (1) adult and four (4) children. The 1-½ hour tour consisted of the black smith shop, the leather shop, the hayloft and the horses. Information was provided regarding the types of details worked by the unit and the kind of care required for the maintenance of the horses.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

On April 12-13, 2004, officers of the Special Response Team instructed the Detroit Police Explorers on tactical operations procedures. This course was presented to the Explorers to prepare them for an upcoming nationwide tactical operation competition with other Explorers throughout the country.

CHIEF OF POLICE ELLA M. BULLY-CUMMINGS

6. DISCIPLINARY APPEALS – APPEALS SUBCOMMITTEE

Comm. Norris chaired the Appeals Subcommittee:

Comm. Norris asked Atty. Zulch if Police Officer Kenneth Germain, badge 4675, BPC 03-014D and Police Officer Eric Raby, badge 1996, BPC 03-015D could be argued together, since they were in the same car.

In the Matter of Disciplinary Appeal, **Police Officer Kenneth Germain, badge 4675, BPC 03-014D**, D.P.O.A. Attorney Thomas Zulch represented the petitioner. Attorney Nancy Ninowski, City Law Department represented the Department. The Appeals Subcommittee took the matter under advisement.

In the Matter of Disciplinary Appeal, **Police Officer Eric Raby, badge 1996, BPC 03-015D**, D.P.O.A. Attorney Thomas Zulch represented the petitioner. Attorney Nancy Ninowski, City Law Department represented the Department. The Appeals Subcommittee took the matter under advisement.

In the Matter of Disciplinary Appeal, **Police Officer Charles Dudley, badge 4256, BPC 03-018D**, D.P.O.A. Attorney Thomas Zulch represented the petitioner. Attorney Nancy Ninowski, City Law Department represented the Department. The Appeals Subcommittee took the matter under advisement.

Atty. Ninowski stated the Department fully accepts the recommendation by Ms. Hooks with the Board's discretion and we would like to dismiss Specification #3.

Atty. Zulch stated Ms. Ninowski indicated that to me at this point, so technically we would waive our opportunity to orally argue before this Board and we will leave it to your discretion.

Comm. Norris stated just so I am clear, the City is dismissing specification three, there are still other specifications, there is still a penalty issue the City is saying we will accept the reduction that was recommended by Ms. Hooks. Asked are you saying that you accept that recommendation or are you saying that you have a settlement and you want to argue?

Atty. Ninowski stated we are saying that we accept the recommendation of Ms. Hooks, there is only one specification under appeal, which is specification 3, which the Department has moved to dismiss. We would accept her recommendation in terms of penalty and of course that is up to your discretion as to whether or not you abide by that.

Atty. Zulch stated the remaining two specifications, Officer Dudley plead guilty to in the Trial Board.

Comm. Norris stated so we don't have an issue about the liability issue. She asked do we have an issue about the penalty?

Atty. Zulch stated yes, I think what was indicated is that she suggested that you follow the recommendation of Ms. Hooks and that is up to your discretion.

Comm. Norris asked are you saying you accept that or you are saying that you waive oral arguments on the penalty?

Atty. Zulch stated I will leave that to your discretion. I think it should be reduced.

Comm. Norris asked by more, by the same or by less?

Atty. Zulch stated whatever this Board wishes to set.

Atty. Hooks asked are you waving oral arguments and you are leaving the penalty to the discretion of the Board?

Atty. Zulch stated correct.

7. APPROVAL OF GENERAL ORDER

♦ Directive 303.4 – Foot Pursuit

Chairperson Hampton stated the above mentioned directive has been before us, copies were made and shared with the community.

Comm. Norris stated the above mentioned directive was brought to this Board, it was announced to the community that it would be presented at our last community meeting. It was presented at our last community meeting; the community was told that if they had concerns or comments that they should give that in two weeks time. Executive Director Goss has indicated that we have not been advised of any further discussion on the matter and therefore is recommending approval.

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve Directive 303.4 – Foot Pursuit.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

Comm. Holley asked can you identify what is meant, when you say “community”?

Comm. Norris stated we have asked that at our meetings, that draft copies be available to members of the community; it also goes on the departmental website. It is also in our notice that it is going to be discussed, then it is presented, and then it is going to be voted on. That is made public as well. I also know that Insp. Fields on certain occasions has actually forwarded draft copies to specific members of the community, so that they would have an opportunity to review it outside our meeting process.

Comm. Holley asked is there a list of people that receive these directives.

Insp. Fields stated if the Board wishes a list, I can provide one at a later date. I have emailed them out to specific people in the community, high schools and etc.

Comm. Norris stated our staff and the Chief’s staff need to talk about ways to better spread the word about our meetings to the community.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Norris stated we received a memo from our staff, indicating that there is a weekly meeting of the Compliance Resource Group. That group has directed that we approve all policies within seven days after they are presented to the community. I vehemently oppose that direction. For the record, Insp. Fields, a video policy came to us and we have passed that. Correct?

Insp. Fields stated correct.

Comm. Norris stated the foot policy came to us and we passed that and I believe that an arrest policy came to us. Correct?

Insp. Fields stated correct.

Comm. Norris stated we just read some new policies that we just received this week. Is it correct to say that there are no other policies before us?

Insp. Fields stated that is correct.

Comm. Norris stated I don't believe that anyone has cause to say that this Board has held up the passing of policies. It is imperative that not only the community have time to consider these policies and give their comments, but also we as a Board have time.

For the record, we are responsible for making policies. We were not in the room when the consent decree was negotiated; and the consent decree makes policy. There are things that we have the say about, for example, we have been told that there is an intermediate collapsible baton policy that is going to be coming to us. The Department of Justice will review that policy to make sure that it has the right kind of language. They will not be reviewing whether collapsible batons are an appropriate intermediate use of force, or the right or the best or any of that because that is not their job. Their job is to make sure that we chose some intermediate use of force. This Commission has the right to weigh in on whether that is the best intermediate use of force. We have had no discussion about it. Comm. Ramirez and I take this very personal because we got tased in front of a whole bunch of people and there has not been one minute's worth of discussion about whether or not if that was a good intermediate use of force.

To direct us that within one week after the presentation we have to vote does not give the community the time to give its input and it does not give us the time to ponder and ask questions. If we had been invited in the room when all of these policies were made, then it would simply be an issue of communicating with the community.

I want the record to be clear there have been no policies held up by this Commission. There have been no policies that we have delayed on the Commission level, and we are not going to abrogate our responsibility to give the community the time that the community needs to consider serious policies that are going to be coming to us regarding use of force, intermediate use of force, witness detention issues and etc. I am quite upset that we are being told that we have seven days to review them.

Dir. Bryant-Weekes stated in connection with Hiring in the Spirit of Service, I did receive from all of the precincts, a list of all of the community organizations and churches in their precinct area and I will be more than happy to share that with the Board.

Chairperson Hampton stated we need to have a town hall meeting in regards to violence being on the rise.

Comm. Norris stated maybe the Chief could have someone from the Department to collaborate with someone from our Department to identify issues that could be discussed at the town hall meeting.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sandra Hines voiced her concerns regarding the increase in crime; the number of complaints that was given in the Secretary's Report; and seven (7) days is not enough time for citizens to respond to directives.

Comm. Norris stated the consent decree requires the department to do more to take complaints. There is a very strong PR campaign that is required by the consent decree, as well as, postings that have to be in precincts and procedures that have to be in place for precincts. So that is probably why we have a rise in the number of complaints we receive.

Richard Bogdon stated that his wife, Carol Bogdon, is in the hospital in I.C.U. because she alleges that the police department is the cause of her stress.

Comm. Hampton asked does your wife have a complaint filed with OCI?

Mr. Bogdon stated yes.

Cheryl Clark voiced her concern regarding being pulled over by a State Police Officer in an unmarked red Grand Am because she was speeding to get away from him.

Comm. Ramirez asked AC Shoulders where do you file a complaint against the State Police?

AC Shoulders stated there is a State Police post on 6th and Howard or it has to go to a state agency.

Chairperson Hampton asked is that standard procedure to drive a plain car and detain someone?

AC Shoulders stated I don't know if it was an official car that the state was using.

Mary Lacy asked what is the status of her complaint regarding 22 tickets that she received from Officer Kenneth Crawford?

Comm. Norris stated that Interim Chief Investigator Sheard reported that the file has been closed, but he will double check to make sure that there is nothing outstanding.

Phillip Craccioholio asked does the police department have a requirement that police officers should know how to swim?

Comm. Norris stated no, we have a physical fitness requirement, but not a swimming ability requirement.

Elaine Isom stated if the police department needs someone that knows how to swim, they should contact my youngest son.

Ron Scott stated he agreed with the remarks of Ms. Sandra Hines; and voiced his concerns about young officers disregarding policies/directives. He also asked who is responsible for cleaning up crime scenes?

Comm. Holley asked is there a clean-up squad that cleans up the evidence from crime scenes?

AC shoulders stated we try to preserve the crime scene, if we find evidence. I don't recall that anyone cleans the crime scenes. This is something that we could look into.

Ms. Walters stated if we don't catch a man's inhumanity to man, then we are going to end up with someone doing what he/she pleases and destroy the world. She also stated that every person and bureaucracy in this community has to work in tandem, or else we won't be able to succeed at what needs to be done in this community.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 29, 2004, @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters, Rm. 328-A
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, MI 48226

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/kdw